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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/OIH - HEALTH EXCHANGE: DHEW TEAM VISIT

REF: A) BUCHAREST 1068, B. STATE 051426, C) FEB 14 LETTER
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1. HEW APOLOGIZES FOR LATE RESPONSE TO REFTEL A.
2. TEAM COMPOSITION PER REFTEL B: DR. THRICH AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, OIH, HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF ALL INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES FOR DHEW. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING INCLUDES M.D. AND M.P.H. IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. HE IS DIPLOMAT OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND EXPERIENCED IN HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OVER 14 YEAR CAREER IN USPHY. DR. QUINN HAS PH.D. IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND DIRECTS PROGRAM OF STUDIES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND BILATERAL COOPERATION FOR NIH, CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES. MR. BEAMER HAS HIGHER EDUCATION IN ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS WITH DHEW PROGRAM EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH PLANNING, RESOURCE ALLOCATION, HEALTH MANPOWER

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DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT. HE HAS INTERNATIONAL

EXPERIENCE WITH DHEW AND DOS. SPEAKS FRENCH.

3. DHEW VIEWS TEAM AS FACT FINDING WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE HEALTH RESOURCES IN ROMANIA OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY RE INCREASED COLLABORATIVE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. IT IS INTENDED THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED BY TEAM WILL BE USED FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECRETARY, DHEW, REGARDING FUTURE COLLABORATION US-ROMANIAN HEALTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

4. TEAM TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST 23 MARCH, 3:45 PM, TAROM, FL. 216, DEPART 9:10 APRIL 5, TAROM 215. REQUEST 24 MAR AM MEETING WITH EMBOFF.

5. PER REF C, SPECIFIC ITINERARY AT DISCRETION OF ROMANIAN WHO SHOULD SELECT INSTITUTIONS AND SCIENTISTS APPROPRIATE TO DHEW INTERESTS. REQUEST MINIMIZED SOCIAL PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM.

6. PER REFTTEL D, TEAM VISIT REQUESTED UNDER TERMS OF CURRENT HEALTH COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. OTHER BUCHAREST REFTELS HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS UNDERSTANDING AND DHEW HAS REQUESTED CONFIRMATION VIA ROMANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON (MITRAN).

7. APPROXIMATE RETAIL COSTS 35 MEV LINEAR ACCELERATOR ARE DOLLARS 1 MILLION PURCHASE PRICE PLUS: SPARE PARTS \$100,000, SHIPPING COSTS \$10,000, INSTALLATION COSTS \$15-20,000, CONSTRUCTION \$80-100,000, OPERATING COSTS \$35,000 PER YEAR. U.S. WORKING EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH ACCELERATORS IS NEGATIVE. MACHINES ARE DELICATE AND BREAKDOWNS FREQUENT. DHEW TEAM WILL DISCUSS DETAILS OF VIEWS OF RENEWED OFFER OF SUPPLYING SUCH EQUIPMENT TO ROMANIA WITH EMBOFF. INGERSOLL

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